

*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*



# Welcome to the Catholic Parishes of Mudgee, Gulgong, Kandos / Rylstone. Diocese of Bathurst



**We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We walk on Wiradjuri country. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.**



## The Transfiguration of the Lord. - Year A 6th August 2017

### Parish Priest

Fr Tony Hennessy

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### Parish Office Hours

Monday: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri

9.00am - 4.00pm

Staff Lunch Break

1.00pm - 2.00pm

### FIRST READING:

**Daniel 7:9-10,13-14**

*His raiment was at white as snow.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**The Lord is king, the most high over  
all the earth.**

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, let  
all the coastlands be glad. Cloud and  
darkness are his raiment; his  
throne, justice and right. **(R)**

The mountains melt like wax before  
then Lord of all the earth. The skies  
proclaim his justice; all peoples see  
his glory. **(R)**

For you indeed are the Lord most  
high above all the earth exalted far  
above all spirits. **(R)**

### SECOND READING:

**St Peter 1:16-19**

*We heard this voice from out of  
heaven.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!** This is my Son, my  
beloved, in whom is all my delight:  
listen to him. **Alleluia!**

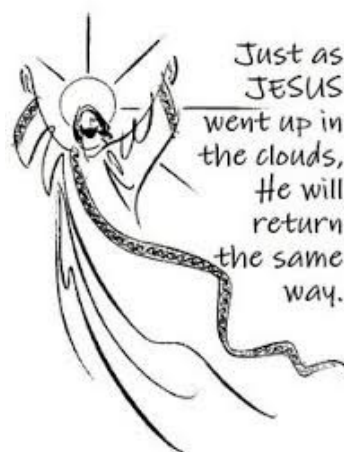
### GOSPEL READING:

**Matthew 17: 1-9**

*His face was shining like the sun.*

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

#### COMMITMENT

#### PARISHIONER RESPONSE:

I promise to support these  
children in preparing to receive  
the Lord for the first time in the  
Sacrament of the Eucharist and  
we will keep them in our  
prayers.

### Vocations Awareness 2017



The tradition of the  
Church has  
identified four main  
states of life or  
ways we live out  
our Baptismal call  
to holiness. These are Marriage,  
Priesthood, Single Life and Religious  
life.

Each of us is called by God through  
our Baptism. How we live out that  
Baptismal call in adult life is our  
specific Vocation.

### Vocations Prayer

Lord Jesus, following you is a bit like  
jumping in at the deep end.

Help me as I discern how I can best  
be me. Be close to me as I search out  
which way of life is best for me. Give  
me your grace to trust in God, your  
Abba, and to walk the path that  
draws me closer to you.

You know my deepest desires.  
Give me the courage to follow you  
with a ready will and open heart.

Amen.

## Day by Day

### HSC EXAMS IN THE PARISH CENTRE THIS WEEK.

PLEASE NOT MASS THIS WEEK.

**Monday, 7th August**

**NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE**

**10.30am Funeral Prayers for Helmut Muller**

**Lawson Room, Eastaugh & Carroll Funeral Home.**

4:00pm: Rosary (Ph 63721115)

**Tuesday, 8th August**

Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

**Mass 9.00am in Mgr Flanagan Hall**

**(enter via the verandah)**

**Wednesday, 9th August**

**Mass 9.00am in Mgr Flanagan Hall**

**(enter via the verandah)**

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group in the Presbytery.

**Thursday, 10th August**

Feast of St Lawrence

**Mass 9.10am in the Mgr Flanagan Hall**

**(enter via the verandah)**

10.30 St Matthews & St Mary's Playgroup

12 Noon Mass Gulgong AH Yrs 3/4

3.30pm First Holy Communion State school lesson.

**Friday, 11th August**

Feast of St Clare

10.30am Mass Pioneer House

12.30pm Mass in Mgr Flanagan Hall

**(enter via the verandah)**

**Saturday, 12th August**

5:15pm - 5:45pm: Reconciliation

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

**Sunday, 13th August**

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**

9:00am Mass Mudgee (Children's Liturgy)

10.30am Mass Gulgong

9.30am Rosary Kandos

10.00am Mass Kandos

Next  
Weekend  
Readings:  
Kings  
19:9, 11-13  
Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew  
14: 22-33

## Liturgy Roster: 12th/13th August.

<b>Commentator</b>	D.Cunningham	A. McLean
<b>Readers</b>	J.Unsworth B.Carrigan	M.Barrett M. McLean
<b>Special Minister of Communion</b>	P.Dick G.Robinson S.Walker	K.Baker M.Gilbert R.Gawthorne
<b>Offertory Procession</b>	Johnson/Reiss/ Weaver families	Disher/Roberts Family
<b>Gospel Procession</b>	Darcy Rayner	Edie Keightley
<b>Organist</b>	E.Cooper	R.Newman
<b>Welcomers</b>	Hodges/Sheridan families	Rayner/Hawes families
<b>Altar Servers</b>	H.Vo A.Duncan A.Burgoyne S.Hawes	J.Nipperess S.Marchant D.Yule
<b>Counters</b>	L. Nicholson 7/8	S.Robinson 14/8

<b>Gulgong Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>13th August 2017</b>	<b>Kandos Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>13th August 2017</b>
<i>Commentator</i>	E.Holmes		
<i>Reader</i>	E.Donelly	<i>Readers</i>	T.Doorey Sr Kath
<i>Offertory</i>	P & C Leotta	<i>Intercessions</i>	K.Morrissey
<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	C.Holland J.Thatcher	<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	L.McPherson H.Roberts
<i>Sacristan</i>	M & E Carney	<i>Sacristan</i>	H.Roberts

### Masses and prayers requested for the following:

#### We pray for the recently deceased especially

Helmut Muller, Sonia Lopez Tioseco, Brian Duffy, Lorna Milton and Mavis Nolan.

**We remember the anniversaries of** Bill McRae, Warren Roche, Brian O'Farrell, Sr Lucia Carroll R.S.M., Allan Heaslip, Garry Gibbins.

**We also pray for** Rosa Sabo, Ana Varga, Evica Knezevic, Ivan Varga.

**Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:** Terry Ryan, John Baggett, Gwen Ausburn, Tony Gillham, Evan & Jan Bucknell, Carmel Van Straalen,, Melinda Drew, Andrew McPhee, Tom Sheridan, Carissa Gleeson, Jason Seis, Dorothy Davidson, Annie Weiss, Mary Cannon, Margaret Tuxford Spicer, Julie Collins, Rosa Maria Santos and the residents of all the nursing homes. Special Intentions.



### Baptisms:

We welcome to the parish community this weekend.

**Sophia Eve Sant** daughter of Luke and Hayley;

**Parker Jeffrey Tink** son of Jeffrey and Jacinda;

**Mabel Rose Keightley, Edith Grace Keightley**

**Arthur John Keightley** children of Troy and Jasmine.



### Gulgong News

**Gulgong Catholic Women's Group:**  
There will be NO meeting for the group in August. Next meeting Tuesday 5th September at 2.00pm. The ladies will host a farewell morning tea for Fr Antony at Mayne Street Cafe on Thursday 24th August.

**Gulgong Parish Farewell for Fr Antony.**  
Light Lunch after Mass Sunday 27th August.

**All Hallows School Production**  
"A Night at the Drive In" on Thursday 24th August in the Prince of Wales Opera House. Two shows 11.00am or 7.00pm. Seats limited, tickets free but must be pre-booked. Available now from the school.

### Kandos News

Welcome to Fr Michael Hickey who will celebrate Mass in Kandos at 10.00am each Sunday during August. We are most grateful Father is willing to assist while Fr Tony is on holidays.

### RISE Youth Festival - 27th - 28th September Ridgecrest Convention Centre

The Youth Ministry Team of the Diocese of Bathurst is excited to announce that the Diocesan Youth Festival is on soon! After many great years of BLAST, we have developed a new, fresh and exciting identity and our Youth Festival will now be called RISE Youth Festival.

This year, RISE will occur on 27th - 28th September at Ridgecrest Convention Centre, Lake Burrendong. It is a celebration and experience of an explosion of possibilities in their lives.

RISE is all about evangelisation. The festival provides an opportunity for young people to have a powerful religious experience and either kick-start or renew their engagement with their faith.

RISE delivers the challenge to young people to claim the explosion of possibilities that living as part of the community of faith offers. The festival also offers contact with peers who are connected with their faith journey on a personal level, establishing a network of young people across the Diocese and beyond.

Participants are encouraged to continue their participation in the life of the Church through groups in their local parish or school.

Further Details Daniel Salomoni  
[d.salomoni@bth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:d.salomoni@bth.catholic.edu.au)

### Mudgee Farewell for Fr Antony

Father will offer the Mass at 12.30pm on Friday 25th August. Following Mass we will host a lunch in the Parish Centre to say farewell and thank you to Fr Antony. Everyone is invited. Please RSVP to the Parish Office or by email to [office.mudgee@cdob.org.au](mailto:office.mudgee@cdob.org.au). Further details in the coming weeks.

Unfortunately due to the Sunday Mass schedule it isn't possible to have the farewell on a Sunday after Mass.

### Mudgee News

#### MUDGEE JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES:

The group will not meet for their regular monthly meeting on 5th August. The associates will gather at the 9.00am Mass Sunday 20th August in remembrance of their founding leader, Vonnie Gilders (the first anniversary of her death). Morning tea will follow at Cafe 89.

**Mudgee Readers Festival** would like to invite interested parishioners to sessions with Fr Tony Doherty and Ailsa Piper at the Town Hall Theatre 12th August at 4.30pm and Sunday 13th August at 9.30am. Tickets \$12 available online [www.mudgeereaders.com](http://www.mudgeereaders.com) or the Library Friday 11th August

### Come As You Are - for the Gifts of the Spirit.

**Fri 18th 6 pm – Sun 20th 3pm August**

This retreat will help participants to discern and rediscover the gifts of the Spirit in their lives and to seek those gifts they most need in their lives right now.

You will be given daily spiritual direction, meditation exercises and time to discern how the Gifts of the Spirit are at work in your life ....just as you are!

Places are limited so book early.

Email: [shalomcarcoar@gmail.com](mailto:shalomcarcoar@gmail.com) or  
Phone: 0263673058 or

Book Online –  
[www.shalomcarcoar.com](http://www.shalomcarcoar.com)

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**15th August** Feast of the Assumption  
Holy Day of Obligation.

**Mass Gulgong 10.00am** (All Hallows students and parishioners.)

**Mass St Matthews School 12.20pm**  
(parishioners welcome)

**Mass 12 noon Kandos** (Fr Mark)

**Mass Mudgee 5.45pm**

**10th September 10.30am** Gulgong  
First Holy Communion.

**9th Sept.6pm Vigil Mass /10th Sept.**  
**9.00am Mass** Mudgee First Holy Communion.

### Australian Catholic Youth Festival

**7 - 9 December 2017.**

Online registrations are officially opened for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) which will be held in Sydney from 7-9 December 2017.

The Festival registration process can be completed at ACYF 2017- Diocese of Bathurst Registration. For those under 18 years of age you will need to contact your school REC or Deacon Josh Clayton:

Email:

[ministries@bathurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:ministries@bathurst.catholic.org.au)

### Ministry Formation Program

The Diocese of the Bathurst is introducing a new initiative known as The Ministry Formation Program (MFP). The program intends to inspire and equip men and women to work in different forms of ministry across the Diocese. This formation will give them a basis for ongoing development to support the mission of the local church. This will enhance existing ministries for parish liturgies, hospital, aged care and prison visitation and catechesis of adults and children. It will enable us to expand services in areas such as funeral and bereavement teams and university ministry.

The first part of the program will be a series of enquiry and introductory sessions with Bishop Michael and the formation team

Mudgee Saturday 25th August  
10.30 - 12.30pm

For more information, please contact  
Deacon Josh Clayton on 6334 6400 or  
via email:

[ministries@bathurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:ministries@bathurst.catholic.org.au)

## It Is Wonderful For Us To Be Here

Shortly after his appointment as Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Basil Hume was questioned by journalists. "What", they wanted to know, "is going to be your number one task?" His answer must have taken them by surprise. It wasn't to work harder for the reunion of all Christians; it wasn't to build more Catholic schools, or to fight against materialism, or to provide more aid for people of the developing world. "I want", he said simply, "to do everything in my power to convince people that God's loves them".



An unexpected answer but a magnificent one. There is no more exciting truth than this – that God loves us, that God loves me. I don't have to persuade or cajole God: God loves me already, just as I am; and nothing can change that.

In this week's Gospel three apostles see the Lord transfigured in glory. They are delighted; and who wouldn't be? They've caught a glimpse of who and what their Master really is. "It's wonderful," they murmur, "just wonderful to be here. Let's stay here; let it always be like this. Let the good times last".

But the next time they see their Master transfigured, how different it will be! He will be lying prostrate in the garden of Gethsemane, his body bathed in sweat. How hard then for them to believe that this is indeed the only Son of God, the well-beloved one. But a little patience, just a few more days, and that same Jesus, now ablaze with risen glory, will stand before them; and on that Easter Sunday morning they will realise that their doubts were unfounded. God will prove God's love for Jesus in a way they could never have imagined – not by saving him from suffering and death, but rather by enabling him to conquer them and finally by raising him up from death itself.

When we're given assurances of God's love for us, as we are today, that's like being with the apostles on the mountain of transfiguration. When we meet with tragedy, when we feel driven almost to the point of despair, finding it hard to believe that God does still care for us – that's like being with the apostles in the garden of Gethsemane.

And yet if we keep on trusting in God, keep on having patience even though God appears to have forgotten us, as for the apostles, there will be an Easter Sunday. On that day we shall be convinced, we shall know, that God does indeed love us and always has, not least in those dark moments when God seemed so far away. Then, like Peter, we shall murmur, "Lord, it's good to be here". Only this time the joy, the thrill, the ecstasy will never grow dull: we shall have reached the destiny for which we were made.

### NALAG MUDGE

#### *Grief Muster Mustering the Courage to Grieve.*

This is a time to honour and celebrate lives lost and to reflect on major changes in our lives.

We will hold a short Remembering Service followed by light refreshments.

A **FREE** community event for  
Grief Awareness Month 2017.  
11.00am Saturday 26th August

Lawson Park,  
(near the BBQ area and playground) Please RSVP to

Email: [mudge@nalag.org.au](mailto:mudge@nalag.org.au)

Phone: 0488 225 710



### St Michael's Parish

#### *Dunedoo-Coolah-Mendooran-Elong Elong*

### **SPRING FAIR**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

**D U N E D O O**

In the park - breakfast till  
2pm



Plants, jumping castle,  
BBQ, food, stalls, coffee  
- all welcome

*(Stallholders and  
donations to the white  
elephant and plant*

*stalls welcome please phone*

*Louise Hennessy 0426 211 179)*